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INVENTION: "CLEANSING PROCESS AGENT, CLEANSING METHOD
EMPLOYING THE AGENT AND A MOLDED STRUCTURAL MEMBER"

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

S I R:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

I. SUBMITTED FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
AL	60248300	Japan (English-language abstract)	December 7, 1985
AM	0093596	Europe	November 9, 1983
AN	0818420	Europe	January 14, 1998

II. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AL, AM and AN were cited by the Austrian Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application. Since references AL, AM and AN are in English, no further commentary on their teachings is necessary.

None of the above references, taken singly or in combination, disclose or suggest a cleansing processing agent, cleansing method employing the agent, or a molded structural member as disclosed in the present invention.

Copies of the above reference together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. Except as provided, the undersigned does not possess English translations of the non-English references.

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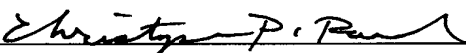
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that Commissioner determines are required to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

All claims of the application are patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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